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Applicants

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MAIL STOP Amendment Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

LETTER

Sir:

Further to the recently filed Amendment, Applicants submit the enclosed signed Declaration of Valerie Frankard, signed February 8, 2010.

> I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to MAIL STOP AMENDMENT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on February 8, 2010.

> > Barbara E. Johnson

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CONCLUSION

Claims 22, 25, 28, 32 and 52 are now in condition for allowance. The enclosed signed Valerie Frankard Declaration substitutes for the earlier submitted (although text ratified) unsigned copy of the Declaration.

No extension of time is required because the January 28, 2010 Amendment was fully responsive to the September 28, 2009 Office Action and was accompanied by a one-month Petition for Extension of Time at that time.

Should any issue arise which can be resolved by telephone, the undersigned respectfully requests a telephone call to her direct dial number, 412-281-3350.

Respectfully submitted,

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